

gentleman here referred to is in precisely the same category as the one embraced in the order of the gentleman from Worcester (Mr. Purnell.) I have nothing to say of the merits of the case, but merely wish this order to take the same course as the others, and be referred to the Committee on Accounts; and if one goes down let them all go together.

Mr. MILLER. That order, if I understand it, gives the Committee on Accounts no discretion at all. It directs payment to be made, and all the Committee on Accounts would have to do, if the order be referred to them, would be to allow such pay as is usual in such cases. I did not understand the order submitted by the gentleman from Worcester (Mr. Purnell) to read in that way; but that it left it entirely to the Committee on Accounts to enquire whether any services had been rendered, and if so then to determine how much should be paid.

Mr. NUGLEY. I do not ask the Convention to pass the order; I ask merely to have it referred to the Committee on Accounts for their consideration.

The question being taken the order was referred accordingly.

Mr. PUGH submitted the following order:

Ordered, That Harold Wingate be appointed a page to this Convention.

Mr. HEBB moved to lay the order on the table.

The question being then taken upon the motion to lay on the table, upon a division, it was agreed to, ayes 38, noes 34.

On motion of Mr. BAKER, it was

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that Mr. Schlosser is absent from his seat on account of domestic affliction.

Mr. THOMAS. I would ask the unanimous consent of the Convention to make a correction on page 87 of the Journal, in reference to an order submitted by me on last Saturday. The order, as adopted by the Convention on my motion, was that the Comptroller be requested to furnish the Convention with a statement of the amount of stock held by the State of Maryland in railroad securities, &c. By enquiry since I have ascertained that the Treasurer is the proper party to furnish that information. I therefore ask that the Journal be amended by striking out the word "Comptroller" and inserting the word "Treasurer" in its stead.

The PRESIDENT. That cannot be done except by general consent; if objection is made the gentleman must seek to attain his object by a motion to reconsider.

No objection being made it was ordered accordingly.

PER DIEM OF MEMBERS.

Mr. SCHLEY. I move the adoption of the following order:

Ordered, That on and after the 27th day of June next, the per diem of the members of this Convention shall cease and be relinquished.

I voted on yesterday, on the yeas and nays, in favor of laying upon the table a proposition somewhat similar to this offered by the gentleman from Worcester (Mr. Purnell.) I did so because I did not think the gentleman would reach, by his proposition, the object set forth in the preamble. I think the one I now offer will more effectually reach the case. There is great clamor, and very properly so, throughout the State, at the delay in the proceedings of this body; and I believe the adoption of this order will bring gentlemen to the necessity of at least attending more punctually than they do now, and thereby tend to facilitate the deliberations of the Convention.

Mr. THRUSTON. I shall vote for this order, for I think it will tend to hasten the business of the Convention. There seems to be a great deal of dissatisfaction at the amount of business which appears to have been done by this Convention. I think this order will tend to show the people that there is a prevailing anxiety here to accomplish the business of the Convention in the least possible time necessary to do it satisfactorily, I shall, therefore, support the order.

Mr. BARRON. I cordially endorse this order. Now if gentlemen mean what they say, this is the time for them to come up to the scratch. Let us see if we mean what we have so often said. I do hope this order will be adopted. Gentlemen may now be compelled by force of circumstances to be away; for that they should not be punished, and I so voted yesterday. But if we are compelled to remain here after the time fixed in this order, then if it is adopted we shall be here without pay; and I will vote for it most cheerfully.

Mr. DANIEL. I rise to make the motion to lay this whole subject on the table, for the reason that I think if we want to accomplish the end avowed we ought to do it directly, and say that the Convention shall adjourn at that time. But if there is any necessity for our staying here over the time named, we should receive our pay for it. I move to lay this order on the table.

Mr. BARRON called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question being then taken by yeas and nays, resulted—yeas 46, nays 38, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Audoun, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Crawford, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis of Charles, Davis of Washington, Dennis, Edelen, Harwood, Hatch, Hodson, Hollyday, Hopkins, Horsey, Johnson, Jones of Cecil, Keefer, King, Larsh, Lee, Mace, Markey, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nyman, Parran, Purnell, Robinette, Scott, Smith of Carroll, Smith of Worcester, Sneary, Swope, Sykes, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer—46.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Barron, Belt, Berry of Prince George's, Carter, Clarke, Cuning-